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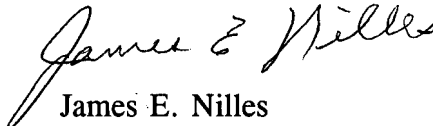
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Re: U.S. Serial No. 08/445,039; Filed May 19, 1995
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Group Art Unit 2501; Batch W07
Inventors: Jean-Francois Bayon et al.
Priority: French Application No. 94 06215; May 20, 1994

Sir:

We now enclose a certified copy of the French patent application No. 94 06215, filed on May 20, 1994, for the purpose of claiming its priority.

Respectfully submitted,


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Enclosure

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